U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

REOPENING OF U.S. CONSULAR AGENCY COCHABAMBA April 26, 2011

The United States Embassy in La Paz is pleased to announce the reopening of the Consular Agency in Cochabamba. The Agency will resume normal operations to provide American Citizen Services beginning Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

U.S. Consular Agencies provide routine service including passport renewals (and extra passport pages), birth registrations, notarial services, and federal benefits. Applicants who wish to receive services at the Consular Agency in Cochabamba, the Consular Agency in Santa Cruz, or at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz must make an appointment online at http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/service.html.

Please note that Consular Agency staff are explicitly prohibited from providing any visa related information to the public. As a result, no appointments will be available for visa inquiries. If you or someone you know has a question related to a visa matter, please direct the inquiry to consularlapaz@state.gov.

Online appointments are available now. To make an appointment, please visit the Embassy website at: http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/service.html.

The new hours for the Cochabamba Consular Agency are:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 08:30 to 12:30 Wednesdays: 13:30 to 17:30

Only customers with appointments will be admitted into any U.S. Mission consular facilities in Bolivia.

The U.S. Embassy encourages you to register and update your contact information at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz and/or the U.S. consular agencies in Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Registration may be done online and can be done in advance of travel. Information on registering may be found at the Department of State's Consular Affairs website: https://travelregistration.state.gov.

For the latest security information, you should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at http://travel.state.gov where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at http://travel.state.gov and on the embassy web page at http://bolivia.usembassy.gov.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the

Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at https://travelregistration.state.gov.

You may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at consularlapaz@state.gov or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8246 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591) 715-33713 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-3) 351-3477. The Cochabamba consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-4) 411-6313.